



# DAILY DEMOCRAT

LOUISVILLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1868.

Congress on the Finances.

Mr. Ingrossal, of Pennsylvania, yesterday introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, to regulate the value of United States legal tender notes in coin, and to provide for their redemption. The bill provides for the redemption of legal tender notes whenever presented at the Treasury in sum not less than one hundred dollars, at the following rates of exchange: For the first month, \$100 in coin for \$135 in notes; for the second month, \$100 in coin for \$134 in notes, and a decrease of one dollar per month until the par reached.

Mr. Ingrossal, of Illinois, introduced a bill supplementary to the National Banking law. It purports to remove the limitation on the National Bank circulation, and to give to the authorizations the issue of four per cent. gold bearing bonds, and to require the substitution of those for the six per cent. bonds on deposit in the National Banks to guarantee their currency.

The foregoing propositions indicate the respective views of the East and West on the currency question, and the resumption of specie payments. Both Mr. Broome and Mr. Ingrossal are Radicals, but their respective views in regard to the financial question, are in exact accordance with the intent of their respective Sections. Mr. Broome is from Pennsylvania, and represents a country largely land-holding; his interest is, of course, in a rapid contration of the currency, as to make their bonds equal to gold; while Mr. Ingrossal represents a Northwestern people, who own no bonds, and whose prosperity depends on the rapid development of the trade and business of the country.

Of course, this cannot take place with a staled circulation. Pork packers, distillers, dealers in grain, contractors for public works, all depend, for a prosperous business, upon some expansion of credit as cannot exist with a restricted currency, unless it be greenbacks or gold. In Mr. Ingrossal's district (Peoria, Ill.), and in fact throughout the great West, it is the rule of the class of the wealthy, to hold in specie, and to have a saving to the national Treasury of one-third of the gold interest now being paid the national banks, amounting in round numbers to \$20,000,000. The actual saving to the Treasury, under Mr. Ingrossal's plan, would be \$6,000,000.

There is little probability that either of the foregoing propositions will be adopted by Congress, without material modifications, and we give these merely to illustrate the conflict of interest between the Eastern and Western sections of the country.

The South requires more money and credit to be available for business and trade, and therefore, identifies its interests with the West, on the currency question.

Whether Mr. Ingrossal's scheme is the best that could be devised, for furnishing an abundant, if not a redundant, circulation, without materially impairing its value as compared with gold, we can learn no opinion from the mere outlines of his plan, that have reached us by telegraph.

Gold and silver, like Mrs. Toodle's door plate, are "handy things to have in the house," but they may be purchased too easily, as many a Wall Street speculator knows. And the people of the West and South, will purchase an early resumption of specie payments through contraction at a heavy expense to commercial prosperity.

Forty millions a year to keep the South "Reconstructed."

From General Schofield's report, it appears that the army during the year has cost the Government \$68,082,388, and has been reduced from 45,081 men to 45,000.

We have no information from the Secretary of War's report, as to the distribution of these 45,000 men. Why this omission? It can well be credited to a desire to keep the facts secret, prevent our summing up its results. This we shall shortly.

CASH SALES OF PRODUCE.

In favor of the sale of the bad currency, we have 30 days' time on nominal cash sales.

This will custom loosen business rules, and introduce credit without the risk of loss.

The Courier also publishes a communiqué from one of the best business men in Duquesne, from which we quote:

"Should the proposed railroad ever be agreed upon there is a chance for us to gain the world knowledge that any road can be built through the mountain and mineral country than Dubois county. We want a railroad to be built to the mineral resources of Southern Indiana. I am confident that there is as much if not more money to be made in Dubois than in any other county in the state.

This is designed to limit maritime traffic to the public vessels of the beligerents, and is a pretty safe business for the stronger side.

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MORNING.

Our readers will bear in mind that the *Democrat* is the only English daily issued on Monday except the *Courier*, *Journal*—and hand in their favor, at an early hour as possible, to *us* publication. Our coming town will be open until twelve o'clock *Sunday* night.

*Assassination* and *Battery*.

Miss *Lily*, a Pierce was last evening arrested on a warrant for assault and battery and lodged in jail.

*Bailiffs*.

Helen Reynolds, a female of color, was committed to the First-street station last evening on a ball-wait.

*Coming*.

Christmas is coming. Look to our adverting columns for the place to purchase all the articles for the occasion.

*Males*.

A large drove of very fine males were driven through the city last evening, & were shipped South by the Nashville rail road.

*Suspected of Felony*.

Thomas Elsberger was arrested by Officer Stinhouse, yesterday, and lodged in the First-street station-house, as a suspected felon.

*Police Alarm*.

The alarm of fire sounded at about 10 o'clock last evening was occasioned by the bursting of a chimney on the corner of Clay and Marshall streets.

*Skating*.

The park, or skating rink, at New Al bany, is in full blast, and the girls are gliding over the ice like fairies in their striped Balmorals. Up to this time we have heard nothing from our skating park. What's the matter?

*Defective Heating Furnaces*.

A fire occurred in the seventh ward school building at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, which was occasioned by some defect in the heating furnace. It was extinguished promptly, and no damage was done.

*Spasmers' Staff*.

Yesterday a gentleman was presented with a live crab, which came all the way from New Orleans. He took it home, and, after trying a string to one of its claws, gave it to his little six year old to play with. The little fellow was pulling the crab around the room and it was clawing wildly. A favorite cat, which had watched the crab with a great deal of eagerness for a length of time, finally crawled up to the crab and it soon commenced pawing at it.

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*A Novel Race*.

We understand that an exciting race will come off on Saturday afternoon, between two of our well-known "puff-phew" citizens, on velocipedes. It will take place on the Nicolson pavement, best 3 in, for drinks and oysters for the crowd. Everybody is invited to be there.

*Fire*.

At about 11 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a small shanty, occupied by a negro family, on Breckinridge street, a few doors above Preston. The fire department was promptly on the spot, but the flames were extinguished before any material damage resulted. The fire will not exceed \$50.

*The Great Disaster*.

The regular ordinance dockets were disposed of as follows, by the City Court, yesterday: Cases continued, 14; cases dismissed, 12; dismissed at cost, 6; total, 32. Cases imposed: George Hoerz, asault, \$50; Wm. Argabright, assault, \$5; George Reuter, disorderly house, \$50; Theodore Muselman, disorderly house, \$50.

*Heavy Innings*.

We noticed several immense droves of hogs passing through the streets yesterday to our slaughtered houses. They came up by the Nashville railroad, and are from points along the line of the road. They were corn-fed, and all very large and in excellent condition for packing. The pork-packer's are doing a very heavy business this season.

*Personal*.

Col. O. C. Rhea, editor and proprietor of that excellent paper, the *Russellville Herald*, spending a few days in the city, with headquarters at the Louisville Hotel. The *Herald* is one of the most popular and extensively circulated papers in Southern Kentucky—a fact of which the business houses of Louisville are aware. Our neighbors that a rare treat is in store for them.

*A Bassoon*.

Yesterday was by far the coldest day of the season. In the morning the thermometer indicated four degrees below zero, and throughout the day the mercury hovered around the immediate vicinity of zero. A sharp, cutting north-wester fanned the breeze, and all who ventured out were numbed nearly to the top of their heads. It was so very cold that a person would scarcely walk four squares without hunting a coal fire. But few ladies were out, and they skipped along at a lively gait, with "blue nose" and aching toes."

*Worthy of Notice*.

The *Nashville Press* and Times of yesterday says that the master in which the Louisville Hotel, of Louisville, treated the Nashville uniforms, which were on board the steamer, at the time of the recent river disaster, is worthy of special notice. The proprietors extend all the courtesies imaginable to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes and party; offered them clothing, etc., and would not accept any remuneration whatever upon their departure. Such conduct speaks volumes for the management of the Louisville Hotel, and it will not be forgotten.

## TERMINIC HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

*Brain Knucks and Coal Scuties Free!*

Used.

The most intense excitement was created in the vicinity of the United States Hotel at about eleven o'clock last night, by a difficulty between a party of four young men. From what we have been able to learn, Jack Hunt and George Seay entered the office of the United States Hotel, and, by some means, got into an altercation with the night porter, Thomas Jordan. From what the parties came to blows, when Alexander McCracken, a waiter, joined them on behalf of Jordan. Jordan, it is said, used some knucks, while Hunt and Seay used coal scuties. The parties got out of the hotel and fought furiously all the way around to the corner of Fourth and Green, when officers Howard, Martin, and Seay leaped upon them, and took all the belligerents off to jail.

We are informed that young Seay received a horrible gash over the left eye and one in the back of his head. Jordan was badly cut on his nose, and Hunt was also cut severely over the left eye. A large crowd gathered, and for a time excitement ran high. We were unable to learn the origin of the difficulty, but the fasten in the case, will, no doubt, be developed in the City Court this morning.

## Terrene—The Louisville Operahouse

This exciting drama was handsomely produced last evening at the Louisville Operahouse, and was of some interest and excellent was the performance. Miss Madeline, if possible, excelled all her previous efforts, and as he "Little Leopard of France," with her songs, dances and drum solo, created an interest and admiration that did not lag from the rising to the falling of the curtain. Correct is all its appointments, costumes, and details, and admirably cast. "Cigarette" is a drama of much more than ordinary merit and interest, and it will again be produced to-night, we unhesitatingly advise our theater-goers to be on hand.

The Hidden Hand will be performed this afternoon at the only Muddern matinee. The great pantomime, "Humpy Dumpty," which has recently taken vindication by storm, and which the press of that city speak of in the most flattering terms, is underlined for Monday next.

## Funny Cat-natrophe.

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## News by the Mails.

### THE STATE.

—Mayville is all right on the coal question.

—Emigrants from Tennessee are locating in Hickman.

—It is understood that there will be a Federal Court established at Lexington soon.

—Mr. R. Sharp recently sold his Cynthia property to Mr. Thos. Dibb for \$4,500.

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—While Mr. Thos. Mettack, a conductor of a freight train on the Kentucky Central railroad, was coupling his cars together on Monday last, received a painful and severe wound. His left arm was bruised but not broken.

—The Mobile and Ohio railroad depot, at Columbus, Kentucky, burned on the morning of the 5th inst., together with twenty-five car loads of freight, mostly flour. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

—Isaac, a son of Mr. A. J. Rice, of Garrard county, was kicked by a horse last week, and knocked to the ground, striking his head against a stone. He was rendered entirely unconscious, and died on Sunday. He was about 11 years of age.

—A lot of forty-five cattle, averaging 2700 pounds in weight, passed through Covington, a few mornings since, en route for New York. The largest one in the drove weighed 4,000 pounds. They are the property of Mr. McGehee, of Bourbon county, Ky.

—Valedictorians from retiring editors are all the rage just now. Mr. Thomas P. Barbour, the talented editor of the Elizabethtown Telegraph, furnishes the last issue of that paper with one. He is succeeded by Mr. Richard B. Wood, an accomplished journalist.

—The first velocipede ever seen in Covington was propelled through Madison a few days ago by a young Mr. Curtis, whose father constructed it. The young man operated the machine very well, and attracted a great deal of attention wherever he went.

—John Roberts, a sometime slave escaped from the Owen county jail, was sent to that prison. He surrendered himself to Mr. Perry, constable of Owen county, hoping to be tried before an examining court and admitted to hell, but the officers have returned him to jail, and claim reward for him.

—The Newsworthy Monitor says it is in contemplation to erect a very large foundry and machine shop in that city. The city is in the hands of enterprising gentlemen in that place, and they are possessed of sufficient means and energy to push the movement on to completion.

—The Elizabethian Telegraph says: We have it from a reliable source that two hundred handbills will be sent upon our railroad by the middle of January. Work once commenced will be pushed through with the greatest energy possible, and will do much to add new life to our already enterprising and flourishing city.

—Messrs. J. L. & W. H. Waggoner have purchased from Mr. Moorman the lot of ground adjoining Mr. Moorman's saloon, in Main street, Frankfort, 27 feet front by 108 feet deep, for the sum of \$1,000 cash. It is their purpose to erect there an elegant store-room with a front of 12 feet and running back 100 feet. The building will be commenced and completed in the spring.

—Two men, named John Hogan and John Kearney, had an alteration on Tuesday evening last in the shoe store of Thomas White, in Covington. During the melee Kearney picked up a short-knife for the purpose of cutting his antagonist, whereupon Patrick Kane stepped in between the parties to prevent a duel, but was himself very badly hit by Kearney, who plunged the knife into his heart.

—The Mayville Bulletin, of the 10th instant, says: "To the present time, Messrs. Long, Dibb & Co. have received about 4000 head of cattle. The impression is that their receipts for the balance of the session will be small. They adverse to 10,000 head, but it is thought the supply will not reach that number. This establishment is not only one of the largest in the West, but it has operated with a certain success that has made all of the other dealers in the market jealous."

—A specimen of the Credit Committee of the Louisville and Lexington, for the purpose of trying the celebrated R. C. Moore's invention, a very valuable dollar was invented, and is used in the United States, has been exhibited on both sides. The invention and its operation are

whether the Chancellor had jurisdiction of the case, which had been transferred to the equity side of the docket at the September term, 1868. His Honor Judge Stanton, decided that he had no jurisdiction as Chancellor, and ordered the case to be replaced on the ordinary side of the docket, and set the case for the 12th day of next March term, 1869, and the case was continued.

### THE NOTIFI.

—Garners and pick-pockets prevail in New Orleans.

—A large farmers' convention is in session in Georgia.

—Nashville had its first snow storm of the season on Thursday night last.

—Galveston, Texas, has recently had a \$90,000 fire—the work of an incendiary.

—The Baton Rouge Advocate is in receipt of a sweet potato weighing fifteen pounds.

—Henderson is still an independent candidate for Congress from the Richmond district.

—The sugar landing at New Orleans is in mind the good old days before the war.

—The weather has already been very cold in some portions of Kentucky this season as it gets to be.

—The radical press is now in exerting its influence at the home-thrusts in the President's last message.

—Nothing as yet has been done toward arresting the negro who consequently killed his master and son in New Orleans recently.

—Montgomery, Ala., is filled to overflowing with strangers. The hotels are all crowded. Many of the visitors are delirious and loquacious.

—Throughout the central empires of Nashville business for several days past has been quite active. Leading grocery dealers seem to have their hands full.

—The St. Louis Dispatch announces that some individuals, name unknown, have arrived there for the purpose of laying claim to all that section of Fifth street between 12th and 13th.

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—Summer's special pay bill caused some smiling.

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